



## Monticello celebrates senior citizens

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ANTHONY MORGANO

**R**espect your elders" is a phrase commonly heard by children as they grow.

On Saturday, June 11, the Boys and Girls Club of Monticello showed their respect by helping put on the 9th Annual Alice Kreiter Memorial Senior Prom.

Young and old gathered at the Monticello Firehouse to celebrate the community, listening to music performed by Don Anthony, who traveled all the way from Bergen County to perform.

The theme for this year's

prom was Casablanca Casino Night, and the room was full of props, including bowties made of playing cards.

Village of Monticello Trustee Carmen Rue was in attendance. "I come in and say hello and socialize," she said. "It's a nice thing to do. They enjoy it."

Kathy Kreiter and Jane Bozan co-organized the event with the help of a committee. Kathy is the daughter of Alice Kreiter, to whom the event is dedicated.

"It bridges the generations," said Bozan, nutrition coordi-



A lot of help was available at the 9th annual Alice Kreiter Memorial Senior Prom. Third row from the left: Najlee Davis, Breana Moore, Eric Walker, Khalea Washington, Shanita Artson, Erin Duffy, Barbi Neumann-Marty. Second row from the left: Carmen Rue, Jajuan Swasey, Jadon Swasey, Jesney Santos, Javen Santos, Sofia Marty. Front row from the left: Ivy Shand, Jeanne Cellini, Alice Picarello, Nelly Culligan and Lillian Goldberg.

At right: Twins Jajuan and Jadon Swasey, Grandma Swasey and mother Samantha Swasey celebrate family at the 9th Annual Alice Kreiter Memorial Senior Prom.

nator at the Office for the Aging. "It's a great way for the kids to honor and serve the seniors. It helps them find

something in common.

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The Boys and Girls Club of Monticello put on a dance show for the seniors.



Shanita Artson and Barbi Neumann-Marty dance with senior citizens at the prom.

## 'Hats Off to the Ladies': Democratic Women honor three

Lt. Governor delivers keynote speech

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY SHARON MACGREGOR

**H**ats Off to the Ladies" was the theme of the Second Annual Spring Fling brunch hosted by the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) on June 12 at the Eagle's Nest.

The event honored social workers Susan Miller and Lillian Stettner, and the Community Outreach Coordinator New Hope, Sherry Eidel.

Keynote speaker was New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, who spoke passionately about being witness to history as Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be endorsed by a major party as a Presidential candidate. Hochul addressed the need for improved work/home balance for women, the implementation of paid family leave and her own path from paying her dues in town

government. Hochul also pointed out that while we think women are making progress, in the past 30 years the same 13% of women in office are female.

"We still do not have enough women at the table,"

said Hochul. "We are missing the perspective of someone who is hard wired to multi-task."

New York Democratic Party Executive Director, Basil Smikle, Jr. was the special guest speaker and was in at-



From the left, honorees Sherry Eidel, Susan Miller and Lily Stettner, with brunch organizers Debra Gabriel and seated Donna Schick and Kathleen LaBuda.



Best hat awards were won by Aleta Lymon (left) and Andy Weil (right). They received recognition from DWSC President Kathleen LaBuda (center left), and Democratic Committee Chair Donna Schick.



From the left are Spring Fling honoree Sherry Eidel, DWSC Treasurer Joan Stoddard, DWSC Secretary Debra Gabriel, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, honoree Lily Stettner, honoree Susan Miller, DWSC President Kathleen LaBuda, and in back NYS Democratic Party Executive Director Basil Smikle, Jr.

rendance with his mother.

Smikle stressed, "It cannot just be about the top of the ticket," and encouraged women to continue to pursue roles in government.

Susan Miller, LCSW, ACSW has worked in Sullivan County as a social worker for almost 30 years. In addition to her roles as an advocate and increasing levels of responsibility to Managing Director for the Orange/Sullivan Division of Rehabilitation Support Services, she is the chair of the Sullivan County Community Board and president

of the Board of Directors of Sullivan ARC.

Lillian (Lily) Stettner returned to college as a 35-year-old adult to earn her Master of Social Work degree, and her journey includes supervising a 64-unit mental health cellblock at the Sullivan Correctional Facility, becoming a Certified Volunteer for survivors of domestic violence, operating her own private practice and leading a bereavement group at White Sulphur Methodist Church.

Besides her role at New Hope, Sherry Eidel currently

sits on the Sullivan County Youth Board, Sullivan County Community Services Board as well as numerous family services committees.

Democratic Women of Sullivan County President, Kathleen LaBuda recognized County Chair Donna Schick for her outstanding organizational skill and relentless perseverance in having Hochul attend the brunch.

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